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Your New Senate

BY KIM HULTINK

Various students sporting red polo shirts have been walking the halls of Redeemer, eager to introduce themselves at the General Meeting, manning a booth at the Club Showcase, or lounging in Room 114.

These students are Redeemer's very own Student Senate.

Composed of thirteen full-time students and elected by the student body, Student Senate strives to glorify God by utilizing their gifts to serve others.

Senate is responsive to students' needs and interests. Extracurricular events are organized through two outstanding committees, Activities and Spiritual & Service, recognizing that these are both valuable and interrelated.

They provide the campus with events such as Coffee House, retreats, the Banquet, Hot Spot, fundraisers and well as many others. We will provide students with the opportunity to grow, build community, and be nourished in their faith.

Student Senate would like to strongly encourage any first-year student who shares in this vision and has the desire to get actively involved with the school body, to pick up a nomination form from the Student Senate bulletin board.

All nominations must be in by Tuesday, September 17 at 11:59 p.m. For more information on Student Senate, feel free to browse our new (and yet to be improved) bulletin board, read the weekly minutes which are posted on the Senate office door and on the bulletin board, drop by the office or stop any of the senators in the hall.

We are more than happy to answer any questions - remember we are here to serve you!

Moving in! Adrian Been and Brent Minty unpacking... Jamie Karlsen

Royals Soccer Kicks Off

BY MARK SINKE

After just five short days of training, the Redeemer Royals soccer teams were given a great opportunity to work on their play this past Saturday, as the seasons opened up with an exhibition tournament held here at Redeemer.

Three other schools from the OCAA brought their men's and women's teams to challenge your Royals on the home pitch.

Dave Degraaf works his way up the field Chris Pot

The guys opened up the day with a match against Seneca College at 10 in the morning. Third year coach Dave Mantel put a team on the field that had many new faces, as seven rookies filled the roster alongside the number of returning third and second year players.

The team struggled to find unity, losing 6-0, but still played some good soccer and came out positive after that first game.

Right away the women's team took the field and squared off against Seneca's women. Great play by a group of rookie players, two of who scored the only goals of the game, and solid defensive teamwork gave our Royals a 2-0 victory.

The guys then played a game that afternoon against Sheridan College and came out strong. Despite falling a few goals behind early on, they rallied together and put on a good showing to hold strong.

They managed to gain one goal on a stellar free kick goal by third year captain Peter Westra that bent into the top corner. Even though the final score was 3-1 for Sheridan, the Royals gained a great deal of experience that will definitely pay off in the rest of the season.

The last game for Redeemer brought the women's team against Sheridan for the final match of the day. Our women came out strong once again, but failed to score in regulation time against a strong Sheridan side.

However, a really well-played defensive match kept Redeemer in the game, and the outcome was decided in penalty kicks, with Redeemer scoring all five shots, and our first year keeper coming up big to save a shot t and put the Royals on top 5-4.

Come on out to the home games for your Redeemer Royals this year and cheer on the squads as they work to build on experiences gained from this first tournament.

Derek Albrecht and Albert Postma. Jamie Karlsen

What's your PULSE?

BY CHRISTA HESSELINK

No, you don't need to check your heartbeat, but what you do need to check out is the team of students called The P.U.L.S.E Team.

PULSE stands for "Planning University Life & Student Events", and we are looking for first year students to be a part of the team. This team of 6-8 students will be working on a variety of events over the year to enhance the Redeemer community.

The team designs and implements a variety of programs to serve the entire student body.

Last year, the PULSE Team put together the Used CD Sale, the Summer Send-Off Party and more.

If you are a first-year student and would like to be a part of this planning team, pick up an application in the Student Life Department. Applications are due on Monday, September 30.

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EDITORIAL

This is it. This is The Crown. For many of you, this is the first edition of The Crown that you've ever read, at least as a student here. For the rest of you, this is the old student rag to which you're accustomed. Many of you wonder if the paper "will be any good this year." I'd like to think that you're hoping it will be "as good as last year." To these musings I can offer no specific comment. It is not within my power to make the paper "any good"; that's your job.

This newspaper, I dare say more than the product of any other club, reflects the student body. I trust that all seven hundred and sixty of you, plus alumni, families and support community, feel a degree of ownership in this publication, and make it a goal to overcome the obstacles and interact with each other through this medium.

The Crown has been known now and again as a place to find opinions, rants and grievances. While this is not the chief end of the paper, permit me to enter one of my own.

There are many things in this world that specifically annoy me. Many quirks, typefaces, and even broad social trends bother me. Nothing, however, gets on my nerves like apathy. I'll do my best not to be the arrogant elitist (please withhold laughing) who considers himself immune from this disease. There are many issues and problems in this school, the church and this country that I simply choose not to address. What I'm arguing against is failure to hold strongly to things one believes in. I charge you -- the reader -- to remove yourself from the comfortable shelter of ambivalence and disagree ... but be careful!

Why? Well, when faced with a challenge to your beliefs, you have three options. The first is to simply mask or modify your own beliefs to avoid a confrontation. Following this road, you can simply ignore the challenge, you can accept the contrary position, or even better, you could simply say "that's okay for you." This is a peaceful solution, but it does not allow you to develop your understanding of the world, and it robs your counterpart the opportunity to do the same.

The second option is exactly opposite to the first. In this scenario, one hunts about looking for statements that in any way might be construed to possibly differ, even slightly, from one's fervently held beliefs. Pursuing this option gives rise to protests and arguments, fights, insults, and broken relationships. It is essential, if one is bent on this position, to endlessly tear down any and all structures, institutions and beliefs that offend without ever offering a viable alternative. Whoever can taunt loudest, mock most cruel and throw the most stones clearly is the most suited for this option. If I may indulge in some pious language for one moment (this is my first editorial; cut me some slack), there is a "Christian way" to disagree. Elsewhere in this issue is a short piece by Dr. Bowen that does an excellent job of explaining the means to becoming a "Christian dissenter." What is necessary for this type of dissension -- believe it or not -- is dissension.

The third mode of dissension takes into consideration that you're in a dialogue with another real human being. It takes into consideration that you're engaged in this dialogue in a real community that can be built up and that can be damaged. This road is by far the hardest road to tread. You are here required to not only disassemble the offending ideology or statement, but to reassemble a better one. You are required, before acting, to think long and hard, pray even harder, and even discuss these things with another person. If even a few follow these maxims, you will indeed have a good school newspaper this year.

Taking these things into consideration, I want to encourage you to spend a few minutes writing a letter to the editor whenever you find something in the paper you really feel strongly about - positively or negatively. Chances are strong that there are others in this community that feel the same way you do. Only then will The Crown be an effective avenue for healthy and constructive discussion and (dare I say it?) debate. Above all, I want you to feel strongly about The Crown itself.

From the perspective of one entrusted to administer the newspaper this year, I'm certain that The Crown will be better written and read than ever, due to the skills of a highly capable editorial staff and some very sharp writers. The response received at Club Showcase last week encouraged me that you share my excitement for a vibrant and growing Student Voice. Let's put that excitement to work.

Welcome To Redeemer University College!

BY DR. JUSTIN D. COOPER, President

Welcome to campus and to this vibrant Christian academic community! It's a great time to be studying at Redeemer as we celebrate our twentieth anniversary – Psalm 145 style! The Lord has done great things over our past twenty years, and we look forward to his continued blessing this year as we celebrate his faithfulness.
We trust your summer has been refreshing and enjoyable, whether you worked, traveled or whatever you did. Now we're delighted you're here and trust you're ready to plunge into an exciting year of studies. We're also very thankful that an increasing number of students across Canada are embracing the vision of a Christian liberal arts and science education, swelling our enrolment to over 750 students! This is a record level for Redeemer, and, given the double cohort next year, it will certainly be exceeded again.
Such growth means that we are reaching the capacity of our facilities. In June the Board approved an $11.5 million campus expansion plan to accommodate an enrolment anticipated to grow to 1000 students in the next three or four years. Included are a second residence hall, three additions to the academic facilities and infrastructure improvements (roads, sewers, parking, walkways, etc.). By next summer we hope to have added the residence and the east addition to the academic building, at a cost of $4.5 million. Further details will be forthcoming in the next number of weeks.
Our growth has also required a good deal of preparation and a number of changes around campus which you may have already noticed. We have improved our campus road and added walkways to promote student safety. We're also delighted that HSR bus service is again in place and look forward to becoming part of the regular Ancaster transportation grid.
In the academic building we have also made several changes to serve you better. You'll find an additional classroom in room 223, additional classroom computers, a new ATM service (which will hopefully be in place soon) and plans for a Williams Coffee Pub to provide a gathering space in part of the cafeteria. We trust you will benefit from and enjoy these improvements.
As mentioned during opening convocation, we are also pleased to be able to welcome new faculty and staff members to Redeemer. On the faculty side, we welcome Timothy Epp in sociology, Brenda Stephenson in psychology, and Dirk Windhorst and as full-time sessional faculty – Ted Bootsma in English, Terry Loerts in education and Helen Plaisier in French. Lisa Onbelet is responsible for our new writing centre. We are also pleased to have Jacob Ellens giving leadership as our new VP Academic and Bert Polman using his gifts as our Chapel Coordinator.
On the staff side, the following people have joined us: Letitia Guenther is doing a co-op placement assisting in ancillary services; Janice Ahlberg is assistant to the VP Academic; Faith Boer is departmental assistant in the Registrar's Office; Emily Laverty was hired as an Admissions Counsellor and David DeVries as Conference and Audio-visual Co-ordinator (both are Redeemer grads); Annetta Skelly has joined us as the new Administrative Assistant for the Redeemer Foundation; Don Russell is our new Assistant Director of Financial Aid; and Ralph Hart our Director of Physical Plant & Security. We welcome all of these people to our campus community.
Looking at all these activities and changes on campus, it is good to be reminded that we have a very faithful supporting community which not only supports us financially but also through its prayers and good will. As I mentioned in my convocation address, Redeemer is a community of shared faith and vision which extends beyond this campus. This year we are especially thankful for the additional donations toward the reduction of our existing capital debt as well as the launching of our campus expansion campaign. We have already received over $2 million toward expanding our campus!
As you can see, much has happened here at Redeemer this summer. And for all of it we give thanks to the Lord as we celebrate his faithfulness this year – Psalm 145 style! Most importantly, it is our prayer that through these efforts your Christian university education will be more enriching and rewarding. We wish you the Lord's blessing in your personal lives, academic work and campus activities. And may all the glory go to him. Have a great year!

The Cry

BY ROB JOUSTRA

Not a concert. Not a conference. A call to youth and young adults to cry out for a spiritual change in Canada.

Almost a week before school started, on August 24, I had the honour to be part of an event that has and will shake the foundation of this great nation. Starting at noon, more than 5000 Christian youth from across the nation converged on Parliament Hill. Until 6 that evening, on the lawn in front of the Peace Tower, speakers and worship bands led prayer and intercession for the healing and restoration of our land and of our generation.

The mandate of the Cry (http://www.the cryca.ca) is:

"to call forth an army of consecrated sons and daughters who will worship Jesus with extreme devotion; to mobilize massive fasting, prayer and repentance (nationally and internationally) to contend with every false god, ideology and system; and to awaken the masses to the wonder of Christ, the cross and His commission. It is to be a voice in the growing Elijah revolution, where the hearts of the fathers are turning to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers so powerfully, that the curse will be broken off this nation. After which, God has promised to pour out His spirit, bringing forth a Jesus revolution where every sphere of culture is confronted and transformed by the inrush of the Kingdom of God". (http://www.thecryca.ca)

Starting at noon, the key organizer, Steve Osmond from Tehillah Calgary, welcomed those who came from all over the nation to the Hill. Each hour flowed under a theme of the Lord's Prayer. Hour one began as Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Hour two continued, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. The third hour, give us this day our daily bread. Fourth, and forgive our debts as we have forgiven our debtors. Fifth, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Sixth, Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

In the process, bands and speakers from around the country came on stage. These included Surreal from BC, Sheryl Stacey from Ontario, Jachin Mullen from Alberta, Heather Clark from BC, Tehillah Monday from Alberta, and Russ Rosen. Together with a lengthy list of speakers and intercessors, they stood before the Parliament of Canada, and for six hours wept, cried and prophesied to the nation. French, English, and Native were all there. Catholic, Pentecostal, Reformed and Anglican filled the Hill. All speaking was translated in both English and French.

Preparation for the event had been extensive. Many heard of it, as I did, at the annual conference at TACF (Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship) called Fresh Wind. There we were challenged to fast and pray until the coming of the Cry. As one of many who took that call very seriously, I confess it was a faithful business. It is said God only sends fire on sacrifice, and He was faithful to that word. The Hill was thick with the presence of God, laden with intensity of prayers, tears and the call of passionate hearts. It was an exhausting six hours, and few words can do it justice.

The results of the Cry might seem intangible. What legislation suddenly burst through Parliament calling for justice and reconciliation across the land? How many thousands came to the Lord that day? What took place on that day may go unrecorded in the books of men, but the entire spiritual foundation of Canada shook from sea to shining sea. Prophecy before the event, spoken at a local church, said that though the crowd would be small (and 5000 is relatively small for those unaccustomed to revival events), we would be empowered by the Spirit of God and our prayers would slay the giant over Canada. Yet even at the close everyone could sense that what had happened that day was not an isolated event or an end, but rather a birth of something the heart of God has in store for the nation of Canada.

The verse for the event was Psalm 40:1, "I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry." But at the close, we said nothing but what was written over the entrance of Parliament itself: "And He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth" (Psalm 72:8).

How to Disagree for the Kingdom

BY DR. D. BOWEN

This article is for two groups of people at Redeemer University College: the under-confident and the over-confident. There are those who feel that they will never be able to articulate anything about what they believe to anyone who doesn't already think as they do. There are others who feel that God has blessed them with insight into absolute truth which they therefore have a responsibility to share with others whenever they possibly can. The under-confident are likely not terribly happy; the over-confident may inadvertently be causing a lot of unhappiness to others.

I would like to share 10 pointers with these people, pointers about "how to disagree." I speak as a Recovering Sinner, one who will never be fully free before the Kingdom fully comes, and therefore I have not always got these things right. But God has taught me a few lessons along the way, and I'd like to share them with you.

When you find yourself in conversation with someone with whom you disagree, whether it's a non-Christian or a Christian with a different background and life-experience from your own, try these steps.

1. Pray. Ask God to help you see this person as He does. Ask for love. Ask for wisdom. Ask for discernment.

2. Listen. Listening is an act of love. Be really interested in what the other person has to say. Find out where he's coming from, why he feels what he does, what life-experiences have led him to the conclusions he has come to.

3. Show respect. Act out your love by remembering that God loves this person, and Jesus died for her. Even if her views seem to you crazy, fanciful, unbiblical, and totally wrong-headed, she is as precious to God as you are, and He has paid as big a price for her as for you.

4. Remember Jesus. In His earthly ministry He dealt with each person individually. He didn't have a formula. He knew what each one was really asking. He loved them each to the end. Pray to have that Spirit in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

5. Be a co-worker with God. By which I mean, ask God to show you what He is already doing in this person, where He is already at work, and how you can join in. Start from where the other person is. This is much easier (and more fruitful!) than starting from where you are, and shouting across a huge distance.

6. Save your silver bullets. Act out your discernment by giving the person maybe one thought of yours which is different from his, which may get him thinking freshly. Even if you are right and he is wrong, you cannot teach the whole of the Reformed Faith in 15 minutes.

7. Be teachable. There may be a silver bullet on its way to you too. Even someone whose world-view is totally at odds with yours may know something you need to hear. Even someone who is totally wrong about God may have God at work doing something good within her. Certainly someone with a different life-experience from you has learnt things from which you can learn.

8. Be humble. We are all in process, both Recovering Sinners and unredeemed sinners. Remember that you are only a link in the chain of God's reaching out to this person. Give your one thought, your one truth, your one gift, and let God look after the next thought, the next truth, the next gift. It may be years later that you find out how your one thought was seminal in the process of Kingdom growth for that person.

9. Be sparing with words. Ask God to help you know when to speak and when to be silent. End the conversation before you have said everything you can think of; end it in such a way that it is easy to pick up the threads another time. Ask yourself what you have learned from the other person.

10. Above all, trust God. He is at work in the other person even when you are not there! He is at work also in you. One of the things of which you can be sure is that your prayers for your conversation partner will not be wasted. You may even discover something surprising for yourself. After all, the Kingdom of Heaven belongs not to the winners of arguments but to the poor in spirit.

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Massive Mass

BY RICH GREYDANUS

I went to see the pope this summer. His Holiness presided over the final mass in the weeklong World Youth Day celebrations. The pope portrayed with style the Platonic foundations of Catholic theology. It was evident that his spirit was still willing while his body was failing. Age is slowly taking its toll on the pope, but not as fast as Parkinson's disease is, which has made even the minutest action extremely difficult. Something as simple as a smile, for example, is difficult for John Paul II.

The closing mass of World Youth Day on July 28 had an estimated attendance of 800 000. By my calculations the crowd was four kilometers long and half a kilometer deep. This was mass on a massive scale, including the distribution of the Eucharist to anyone who wanted to partake. This was achieved in 10 or 15 minutes, an incredible accomplishment.

I chose not to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. I thought of myself as more of an observer than an actual participant in the mass as a whole. But being confronted with the choice of whether or not to join with many of those around me in the celebration raised some difficult questions. Could I, claiming to be a fellow Christian, celebrate the Lord's Supper, or the Eucharist, as Catholics name it, in a Catholic mass? (I am trying to ignore the differences between the theological frameworks surrounding this celebration, and I suffice it to say that they both attempt to be faithful to Christ's command to "do this in remembrance of me" from their respective interpretive traditions.) More generally stated: can I call a Catholic my brother in Christ?

To answer this question yes would be to stand in opposition to many of the great leaders from past days of my own tradition. With Luther's Reformation, Calvin's construction of a strong systematic Protestant theology, and the contributions of many others, came the images of the Roman Catholic Church as the Whore of Babylon and the pope as the Antichrist, neither a pleasant image. We shouldn't fall into the trap of vilifying, or in this specific case demonizing, our enemies, like many people have done in history in order to justify their own position.

Can common ground be found in commonly held beliefs? Although some would say yes, I disagree. One could say Catholics and Protestants share the belief that it is Christ who saves us from our sins, but I see the differences when I examine both views of how Christ saves us and how He affects the process of salvation. I think we can conclude that we are talking about two different Christs. Which one is the Christ of the Bible? Trying to answer this question shows us more pointedly the rift between Catholics and ourselves.

If there is one place where we can find common ground with Roman Catholics, it is in our need for the grace of God in every aspect of our sin-stained lives. This is obvious, but the far-reaching consequences of this statement are not always considered.

We Protestants seem very able to attack Catholics on the usual points: praying to saints, papal infallibility, transubstantiation, etc. What is the chance we are merely repeating what we have heard without ever having delved into the matter ourselves? Could these typical points of attack be part of a Protestant tradition of hostility towards Catholics and not things of genuine, thought-out disagreement? If we are attacking Catholic traditions with a tradition of our own, then no one is doing any thinking at all.

We like to deceive (or should I say protect) ourselves when we are convinced of a position, whether it is intellectual, moral, or other. With establishing our faith as the one proper faith, comes the tendency to ignore weaknesses in the defense of the one's own position. A good example is how many of us would want to defend the foundational principle of Sola Scriptura against the attack of a Catholic intellectual or apologist? How many of us have been taught the difficulties surrounding the concept of Scripture Alone?

Though we are convinced by what we believe, it is not possible to rationally prove our own beliefs to be the absolute truth. Sin prevents this. We hold to our own truths because they are better than any other beliefs we have met. It is no different for a Catholic Christian.

We share in a struggle with Catholic Christians to understand our faith. Both Catholics and Protestants have in common the inability to make absolute claims about correct biblical interpretation. And though it is important to be convinced that our own beliefs are the best interpretation of the Bible, these views should never take us to the conclusion that those who do not have exactly the same beliefs as us are not Christians. Let God decide that, for it is His grace, and not our beliefs, which saves.

The great divide between Protestants and Catholics in North America today is filled by theological differences among other things. Any theology that does not extend the status of brothers in Christ to those we disagree with, in my mind, lacks an understanding of grace. For it is in our common need for grace that we find communion.

Though, I am still undecided on the Eucharist issue. The pope smiled as he addressed the youth present in Downsview Park in Toronto. As he looked at the masses in front, he must have known that God's Word had been fulfilled in another generation: it had gone out, and had not returned empty. We should smile with him.

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Manhattan Skyline post September 11, 2001. Prof. Slade

An American Reflects

BY GREGORY BAUS

I have found a common impulse among many U.S. citizens. I find it in myself, anyway. When reflecting on the attacks of last year, there is a tendency to take it personally. At some level I specifically identify myself with what occurred. Not only am I an American, and thus generally involved, but I think of the last time I stood in the park next to the Pentagon feeding pigeons. I think of Max, a deacon from my church, who was killed there. I think of Courtney's boyfriend who fell from the south tower. That very evening, at the bar where I worked, we drank heavily, sat around shocked, and I saw an old man cry.

In the months following, a media blitz of cheap sentimentality and pretentious civil religion begged for cynicism. A year later, I'm bracing for more of the same, and I'm tempted to dismiss my initial impulse. But I know better. To dismiss it isn't fully human. So I'll do my best to ignore the bloody schmaltz and to acknowledge how I feel.

But certainly there's more to it than emotion. Shouldn't there be? Perhaps, alas, there isn't more to it for most of my fellow citizens. In any case, there is a bigger picture. And I'll put it simply. First, in the scope of history this tragedy is relatively minor. Worse things have happened to others. Much worse things have been ignored.

Second, whatever international relations, intelligence, and security lessons there are to be learned (not my areas of competence) there is a 2nd Amendment lesson at stake. The U.S. Constitution guarantees the right of individuals to bear arms. The sad fact is that 9/11 could not, and would not, have occurred as it did, had there been a machine gun in the cockpit. The answer isn't a Police State or more Federal regulation of the airline business. Rather, arm the pilots.

Redeemer's NYC emmissaries Prof. Slade

The World a Year Later

BY BRIAN DIJKEMA

We are one full year removed from the horrendous events of September 11, 2001. We are removed from the events in the sense of days and months, but we are still firmly implanted in a world that is trying to cope with and come to terms with such an act. Countless people all over the world have been trying for about 366 days now to come to grips with the fact that thousands of people were killed in what seems to be a completely senseless act; people are trying to understand how the world in which they live, which once seemed so secure, is now racked with uncertainties and liable to come crashing around them at any time. There have been many different ways of coping. A group of people in Manhattan where the two towers once stood has produced a makeshift photo gallery in a local storefront. The gallery is not sponsored by any major company or artist, but filled with and supported by people who have been touched by the events of September 11. This gallery is brimming with photographs taken by those involved and portrays the emotions that such an event brings with it: fear, helplessness, insecurity, bravery, despair, anger and bewilderment. A simple yet touching tribute layed out on cheap computer paper. This is merely one of the ways in which individuals all over the world are dealing with the events of 9/11. It is an approach of reflection, and an allowance of a whole host of emotions to be expressed. It is an attempt to deal with the shock, pain, and loss of confidence through art.

The political level of coping in has taken a much different approach. Governments must take a different approach to such a catastrophe. The Bush administration decided to come to terms with these events by using a different symbol, a symbol of war. In a speech to the joint session of congress in November of 2001, President Bush states, "Tonight we are a country awakened to danger and called to defend freedom. Our grief has turned to anger, and anger to resolution. Whether we bring our enemies to justice, or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done." This statement made by President Bush is an obvious call to arms: a call to defend freedom. And most would agree that the perpetrators of such a cowardly act do indeed need to be brought to justice. Most people, even those outside of the United States, would agree that that action must be drastic and that some sort of military action must be taken in response to the bombings. That action took the form of this past year's American/coalition attack on the Taliban and Al Qaeda in Afghanistan. While this attack was in some part controversial, it could be justified by most as a proper way to bring retribution to those behind the attacks of September 11.

It is now September 12, 2002. The Taliban has been removed from its position of authority in Afghanistan, and the state that officially sponsored the attack on the World Trade Centre towers is no longer. The justice that the United States so passionately made a call for has been achieved. Or has it? Look a little bit closer to the rhetoric used by George W. Bush in some speeches following the events of September 11, 2001. In an address to the nation of the United States in November he states, "We wage a war to save civilization, itself. We did not seek it, but we must fight it - and we will prevail," and in his remarks to the Warsaw conference on combating terrorism he states, "So we're determined to fight this evil, and fight until we're rid of it. We will not wait for the authors of mass murder to gain the weapons of mass destruction. We act now, because we must lift this dark threat from our age and save generations to come." The language that is used leads one to believe that the United States is not only looking after its own interests, but also the interests of anyone who cares about freedom, and indeed any civilized person. The United States has classified terrorists as the scourge of the planet, which indeed they are, but where do we draw the line? Where does the terrorist hunt begin and end? With the United States seeking support for its attack on Iraq, justice has gone from that of retribution for the acts committed against them last September to an attack with its sights set on any country that seemingly does not hold to the American ideology. Countries that have not per se committed any dastardly act against the United States, for example, North Korea, have been labeled alongside those who have as part of an axis of evil. We must question any country that claims to have ultimate knowledge of freedom, and justice and indeed evil, as the United States, with this type of rhetoric, has made itself out to do. We must realize that though the United States claims to be the only true defender of freedom and civilization it is in actuality the only true defender of itself. The United States is notorious for involving itself in conflicts under the guise of defender of freedom when in actuality they seek something else. It is not so well known, but generally accepted that the Americans supplied weapons and supplies to the Mujahadeen during the cold war to fight the Soviets. It is also known that the USA supported Saddam Hussein in Iraq. Why? Afghanistan and Iraq are both important oil regions and the United States, by aiding the Mujahadeen and Saddam Hussein, were consolidating their interests in the area. It is for these types of reasons that any claims made by the U.S. to be the defender of all that is good should be questioned most critically.

What are we to do then? It seems that we in Canada are stuck between a rock and a hard place. On one hand, we must question the United State's rhetoric and goals with regards to cleansing the world of terrorism. We must stand up against any policy that would see the United States entering countries merely because they hold terrorists, or because the invasion will benefit the USA, or because the countries do not agree with the USA on ideological levels. However, we must also criticize ourselves and our role in the international arena. Can a country that has a poor excuse of a military question the big brother that always protects them on the international playground? In fact, the statements that the USA makes about it being the sole defender of freedom do hold some merit. They are the only country that uses its force, but we are merely one of many countries that benefit from that protection. This becomes a difficult dilemma. How credible is a criticism coming from a country enjoying the benefits of the one it is criticizing?

National Politics

Chrétien a master at Risk™

BY BRIAN VANDOOREN

The little man from Shawinigan certainly knows how to play the game. Masterfully maneuvering the pieces into place, Jean Chretien has prepared for the future with uncanny foresight. He seems to play the politics game as any other man might play Risk. The first rule is to turn your enemies against each other. One leadership candidate works against another. Conservatives try to undermine the Canadian Alliance. Staying behind the scenes, Chretien comes out smelling like roses.

Rather than step down immediately, as some people demanded, Jean Chretien announced that he would retire at the end of his term of office, and not before. Paul Martin, John Manley and Sheila Copps are now the leading candidates to replace Chretien when he steps down before the 2004 federal election. These ministers seem, for the most part, to have little fondness for the position they have been put in, but they must now spend more energy gaining recognition over each other than over their soon-to-be-defunct leader.

Certainly, this future deadline leaves Paul Martin drifting aimlessly in the doldrums. Having invested his entire political career in the project of ousting Chretien, this period of purgatory can only allow a lag in his once high popularity. Apparently taking an end-run at the Prime Minister has been seen as a personal affront that Jean has put down fiendishly.

During a period of economic well-being, while our southern neighbours continue to struggle, the Prime Minister appears to be the mastermind of our success. After all, it is only logical to assume that the leader of our government is the one to guide Canadian commerce as well. It is a well-known truth in capitalist politics that a strong economy gives the image of a strong leader. Chretien plays the part willingly, accepting the praise for money made by hard working Canadians.

With the whole country watching Chretien manipulate his own caucus, the populace places blame on the whole Liberal party, rather than the one man who put his party in such a rough position. And while Jean spends time upholding environmental reforms, his possible successors continue to quarrel, and continue to breed public disapproval for the Liberals.

When the Right Honourable Jean Chretien steps down, he will be able to write volumes on how to be a successful politician. Of course, success in politics means approval, not accomplishment. And the man from Shawinigan has certainly won approval. His enemies have turned on each other, and the game is his. Congratulations.

La Crème de la The Crown

Brian VanDooren looms large in the long tradition of VanDoorens in The Crown office, as his older brother Mark once headed the publication. In order (perhaps) to better position himself for the leap to the Editor's chair, Brian's taken on the role of 'Executive Assistant' and has been doing a smashing job of it so far. Known last year as 'the Dutchman' in the always-popular 'Cooking-with-Brians' feature, he can always be counted on to lend a hand when needed.His outstanding skillset includes (but is not limited to) typing, filing and brewing fine coffee. This Academy resident has been known to lift things several times his own weight, is clairvoyant, has impeccable (if strange) musical taste, can speak Mohawk, is a fantastic squash player, is endowed with a great sense of humour and is blessed in countless other ways. This Brian gives him 5 out of 5.

Trish Curry

"Smart, talented and funny, "super amazing" and "helpful and kind" are just some of the great things you'll hear said about this vivacious woman who is laying the smack down as the layout editor of The Crown this year.
As a veteran worker of The Crown, Trish knows how to handle the stress of meeting crazy deadlines.
She is a hardworking and dedicated third year student, and you'll find her diligently handling all the work thrown her way. Not only is she on The Crown's staff this year, but she's also an RA! Talk about a woman with responsibilities!

Always available with a laugh and a smile, Trish is definitely one of the precious gems in this crown.

Andrea Vreken
Born on January 29, 1982, with a paintbrush in her hand, Andrea Vreken was considered a miracle child. Entertaining her parents with her wit and her passion for creativity, she was immediately enrolled into The Institution of Art in St. Catharines, Ontario. Although Andrea attended several intensive art institutes, she could never be kept from painting on the ceilings of her lecture halls. After immediate expulsion, she came to the

realization that she needed to take her artistic imagination elsewhere. The Redeemer Institute of Ancaster appeared to offer a few worthwhile courses. However, nothing dazzled her as much as the position of art director for The Crown. After receiving the position, she knew that her life would never be the same. Working for the school newspaper has been the best decision she has ever made. We are quite pleased to have her with us.

Brian vanOosten, (known casually as BvO), is in his fifth (and no it's not his final) year at Redeemer. He's the head cheese, the Big Kahuna, around the Crown Office. He can usually be spotted proudly carrying a mug of tea so large that he could fit into it. Other BvO sightings include seeing him barking orders to the Executive Assistant and forgetting to go to class. When the phone rings at the office, it's always for him, as he is the most hunted student at Redeemer. He is often cornered into dorms and student homes in instances of computer emergencies. His idol is Doug Feaver, and if you don't know who that is, go to the Casbah (La Luna's) on Thursday nights. Oh, and by the way, pronounce the "oost" in his name like "toast," not "roost."

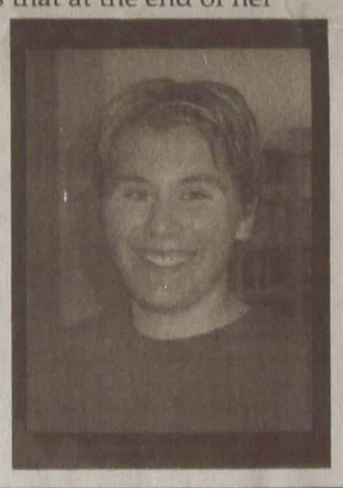
Dan Postma
The new digital editor this year, Dan Postma, comes in as the replacement for Brian vanOosten. Dan is in his third year of a English major here at Redeemer. Dan has been a committed member of the Redeemer Concert Choir since his first year. He has also taken over another responsibility this year as head of the Rec Centre. All these responsibilities won't bother Dan, though, as he continues to revamp and improve the Crown Online. Luckily for the rest of us, Dan does have a small amount of patience to deal with the petty computer problems of his staff mates. When Dan isn't working on these projects, he is most likely bugging the rest of the staff to play squash. Even playing every day doesn't seem to be enough for this newcomer to the game. Of course, everyone needs an outlet for stress. Better a squash ball than my head.

Hayley Asnong, also known as Hayley, is the Senior Copy Editor for The Crown this year. As a returning copy editor, it is apparent that she is a lover of grammar. She is a third year student who approaches her English studies with scrupulousness. Hayley loves to spend time reading all kinds of books, including her dictionary, which I have been told is her personal favourite. Hayley's style had been described by some as a rather classy form of punk, and this, along with her taste in men's names, (i.e. Justin), causes me to have a great deal of respect for her. On a totally unrelated note, it is rumored that she spent much of her first year expelling crazy animal noises and screaming at the top of her lungs with her roommate.

Andrea Colyn

Yes, thanks to Justin, her name has now changed. This happy newlywed would be ecstatic to let you know that one now spells her name C-O-L-Y-N, not D-O-S-T-A-L. Got it? Good. Now that we have that cleared up, let's move on. Andrea loves to proof-read. In fact, she loves it so much that she is taking Honours English so she can proof-read her papers, and she has taken a job where she can proof-read all day in the Crown office, reading other people's work. I have a feeling that all those late nights of reading has led to an addiction and a cherished relationship with Second Cup. So, besides proof-reading, what else does Mrs. Colyn like to do for fun? I've heard rollerblading is her forte (just ask her about their first date). By the way, if you find that Andrea's Civic EX is following your shiny Civic too closely, don't panic. Stay calm -- she just wants to check your car out.

Melissa Van Dyk
Allow me to introduce Melissa Van Dyk. The managing editor of The Crown, she is a third-year Honours Business major and Missions minor.
Originating from Orillia, Ontario, she grew up reading intellectual literature such as the Berenstein Bears and Dr. Seuss.
She enjoys competitive sports such as tennis and floor hockey, and reading for pleasure when she has the time.
She is devoted to her work, and can often be seen working late nights and early mornings in the office. She is also committed to the first-year students in dom 20, for whom she is the co-RA, and helps out in the business department as a TA. She hopes that at the end of her tenure with The Crown, it will be a well-oiled, money-making business machine.



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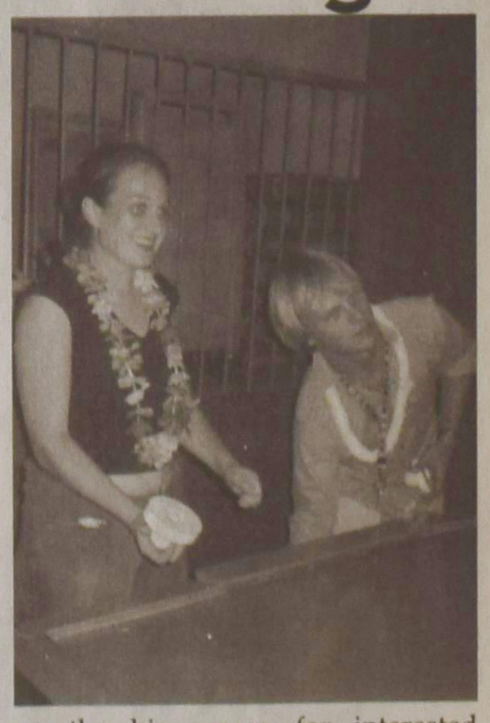
Rec Centre Changes Direction

BY DAN POSTMA



The student Rec Centre (located at the back of third parking lot, for all you first years) has undergone some major changes over the summer, both in environment and in function. Some of these changes can already be seen in the building, and some are yet to be unveiled. You can see for yourself during the Rec Centre's new extended hours, 5 pm - 1 am Monday through Friday, and 2 pm - 1 am on Saturdays.

When you walk in the front door, the first thing you'll see is a great deal of new furniture. This was purchased over the summer in an effort to make the environment more comfortable and conducive to TV and movie watching.. You'll find upgrades to the billiard and ping pong areas, including new and improved equipment. Also, opening next Monday (September 16) will be a computer room, directly across from the store upon entering the Rec Centre. This will serve as a place where students can work on papers, check their email and play games online.

There are a number of exciting events planned for the Rec Centre, such as Tuesday night movies each week, monthly euchre tournaments, and possibly ping pong and pool tournaments coming soon. TV nights will also continue, with Star Trek (Wednesday, 8 pm), Survivor (Thursday, 8 pm, starting soon) and hockey (Saturday, 7 pm - 1 am, starting in October) showing on the big screen for interested students.

The Rec Centre has undergone a major shift in focus this year. The Rec Centre, by the instruction of the school administration, will no longer be selling food or drink - this service will be turned over to the new Williams coffee pub franchise opening soon in the Cafeteria. The Rec Centre staff is currently examining exciting new possibilities for the facility. We'll keep students updated on this and other long-term plans.

If you have any suggestions for the focus of the Rec Centre, or feedback about the changes made over the summer, please let us know. Send an email to the student supervisor, Dan Postma, at dpostma@redeemer.on.ca or drop by and talk with the friendly staff or Student Senate members. We're excited to be working on behalf of students, and we're doing our best to provide a comfortable place to relax and have fun on campus.

Don Cossack Choir Review

BY MICHAEL TROLLY

Last Saturday I heard the Don Cossack Choir sing in Redeemer's Auditorium. This thirty-five member men's choir, based in the Netherlands, sings mostly Russian hymns and folk songs. Known in Dutch as Don Kozakkenkoor, it dates from the 1920s, when Cossack soldiers who had fought for Russia in WWI were living in miserable conditions. This choir, now under the leadership of Sergé Latchev, is singing in different parts of Ontario during this month. The material they sing, and the fervency and character that they sing it with, is timeless and transcends linguistic boundaries, but the music is also refreshingly different.

The lamentable part of it was that when the concert was supposed to start, only ten people were there - including their bus driver. In fact, I was the only Redeemer student there during the first half of the concert. Two others joined us at intermission, and they appeared to enjoy the music.

Now, aren't there any other Redeemer students who prefer civilized music instead of that terrible eighties dance stuff the rest of you were listening to that night? I'm sure that there must be. It is quite possible that most students missed the little posters on the bulletin boards. Of course, it is also possible that I am the only student here without any sort of social life (meaning that I didn't think a girl would dance with me. No wait, I had forgotten about the dance entirely, until afterward). And of course, concert tickets cost money, which is a difficult issue for many of us student types. Consequently I will wait until later in my freshman year to make judgments concerning the academic or cultural qualities of the students here.

On the other hand, quite seriously, I will say to you that there is always more going on, especially in a university, than meets the eye. Some of one's most fondly remembered experiences may be the most unexpected. Perhaps you don't think that you would like Russian Orthodox liturgical music, but you might have loved it if you had been there. You all are hereby begged to keep your eye out for things that seem out of the ordinary, but may stretch you in that wonderful way that life at Redeemer is supposed to stretch us. Perhaps there are many things going on here that I have never heard about, but might greatly enjoy. I must learn a lesson from this myself, and keep my eyes open.

As it turned out, they decided to let us in for free. And they sang well, despite their understandable disappointment at the turnout. I did buy one of their CD's. If any of you would like to borrow it, please feel free. It's well worth a listen.

The Don Cossack Choir has a Dutch-language website at http://www.donkozakkenkoor.nl.

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•BACKSIDE•

The Study of First Impressions

An exhaustive study of Relationships by Tim Amor

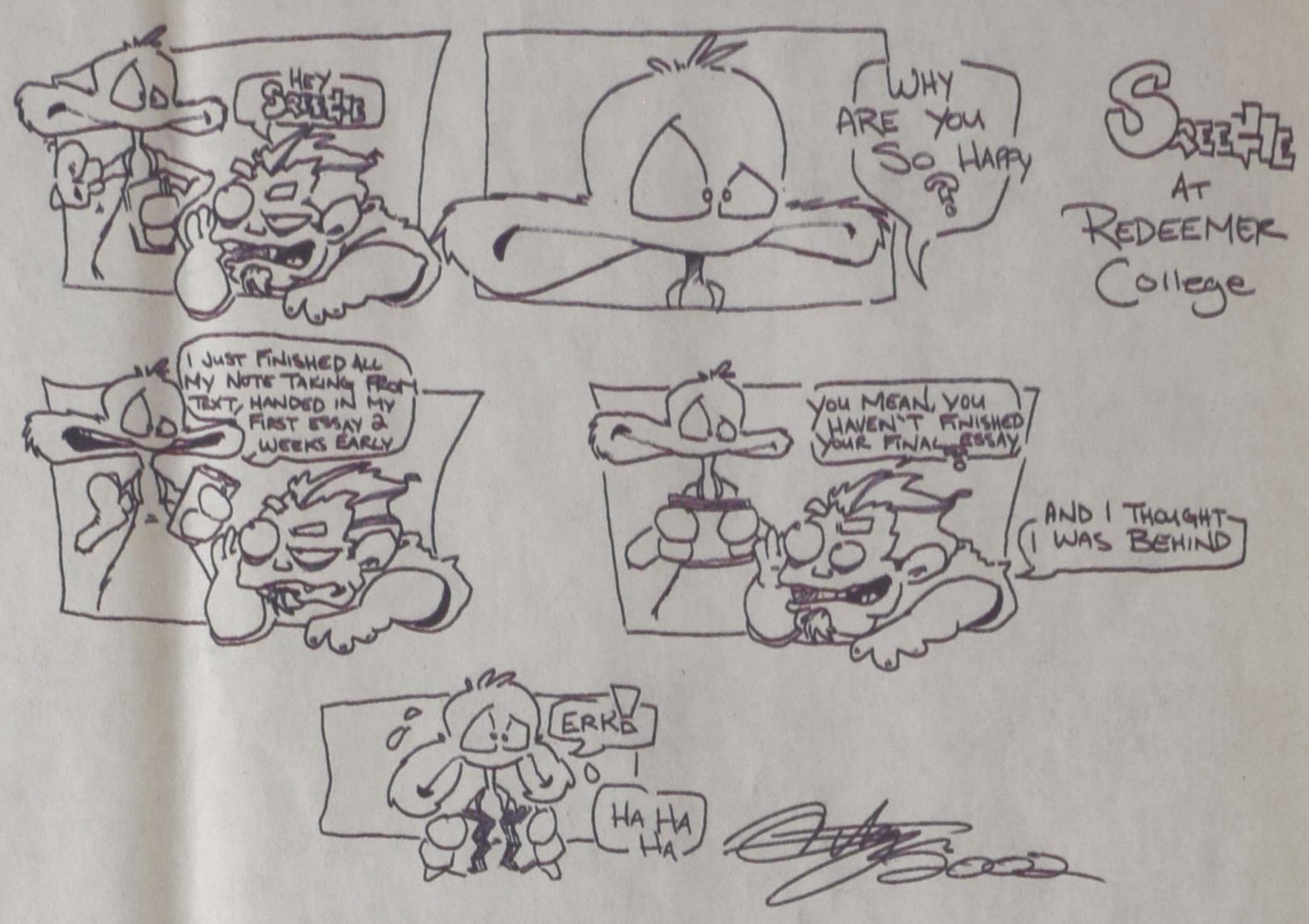
First impressions are vital to attract that special someone. Having a poor first impression will most definitely lead to a life of loneliness and pain, whereas a good one will lead to a life of happiness and eternal joy. If you have already had a poor first impression with that person whom you believe to be "the one" then I'd suggest crying. Lots. For you will certainly find yourself home alone on Saturday night. But for those of us who still have a chance, I must let you in on the secrets to a good first impression: aroma, hair, and shoes.

First, one's scent is of the utmost importance in that first impression. Sometimes that's the only impression we get of anyone. I often walk around the halls of Redeemer sniffing away searching for that perfect someone. For girls, the trick seems to be to buy the most powerful perfume on the market and then to bath themselves in it so that even if their special someone is on the other side of campus, they may just follow their nose, much like Toucan Sam. For guys, the obvious choice seems to be cologne. It is also known as "eau de toilet" which, when translated, means "toilet water" because what girl can resist a strong musky scent of the local lavatory.

Second on our list is hair. Now I'm not talking about hair that you style, but rather hairs that come out of your nose. Personally (and I know the editors of The Crown confess to this as well), I find a bit of nose fuzz to be a little cute. Some people have even found ways to gel their nose hairs into little nose-mohawks, whereas others have found that going the route of the curling iron is for them. Whatever your take on it may be, make sure that the style you choose represents more than just fashion, it must represent who you are in your heart!

Finally, it all comes down to your shoes. The knowledge that shoes are really what attract people to each other has been known since the dawning of time. When Adam and Eve first realized they were naked, they were likely most embarrassed about their lack of fine footwear. Therefore shoes must both grab attention saying, "I'm fun" while at the same time cause quiet admiration, saying, "I'm reserved." Choosing the wrong pair of shoes will lead to many lonely Saturday nights much like I'm currently experiencing. You see, I was duped into buying shoes that look like the Apollo space project gone wrong (if such a thing were even possible) by a slick, smooth talking, young lady. She promised me that such shoes would inevitably help me to "pick up broads." Now I'm not certain who or what exactly these "broads" are, but let me assure you that they are nowhere to be found. Not even the first year girls who outnumber their male counterparts by the ratio of 3:1 will consider talking to me anymore because of these monstrosities I wear as shoes. So I urge you, brothers and sisters of Redeemer, learn from my plight and buy nice shoes.

Now I understand that many of you will not take my advice seriously. In fact, many of you will snicker at the idea that verbal communication is just a meaningless pleasantry when it comes to first impressions. But in fact nothing that you say in a first conversation really matters since the two of you are undoubtedly sniffing while checking out the other's nose hair and shoes while trying to not mess up your new nose-do. So just follow my three simple steps to a good first impression and you will find yourselves better off than I. And by the way, I am still free this Saturday night.



Kernels of Wisdom

"It's not until you start sleeping around that you realize that they really do vary in size."
Naomi Bisheuvel speaking on the beauty of abstinence before marriage

"In South Africa would you whack a child? Of course I'd whack a child, if it were disobedient."
Dr. Botha on international discipline differences

"With a song like that it's no wonder some people don't want to be christians."
Dr Bert Polman about a hymn with a dull melody

"If you're interested, I'm available."
Christa Hesselink

Your new Student Senate President displaying her decorum

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General Sentator Amanda Marissen enjoying her cake

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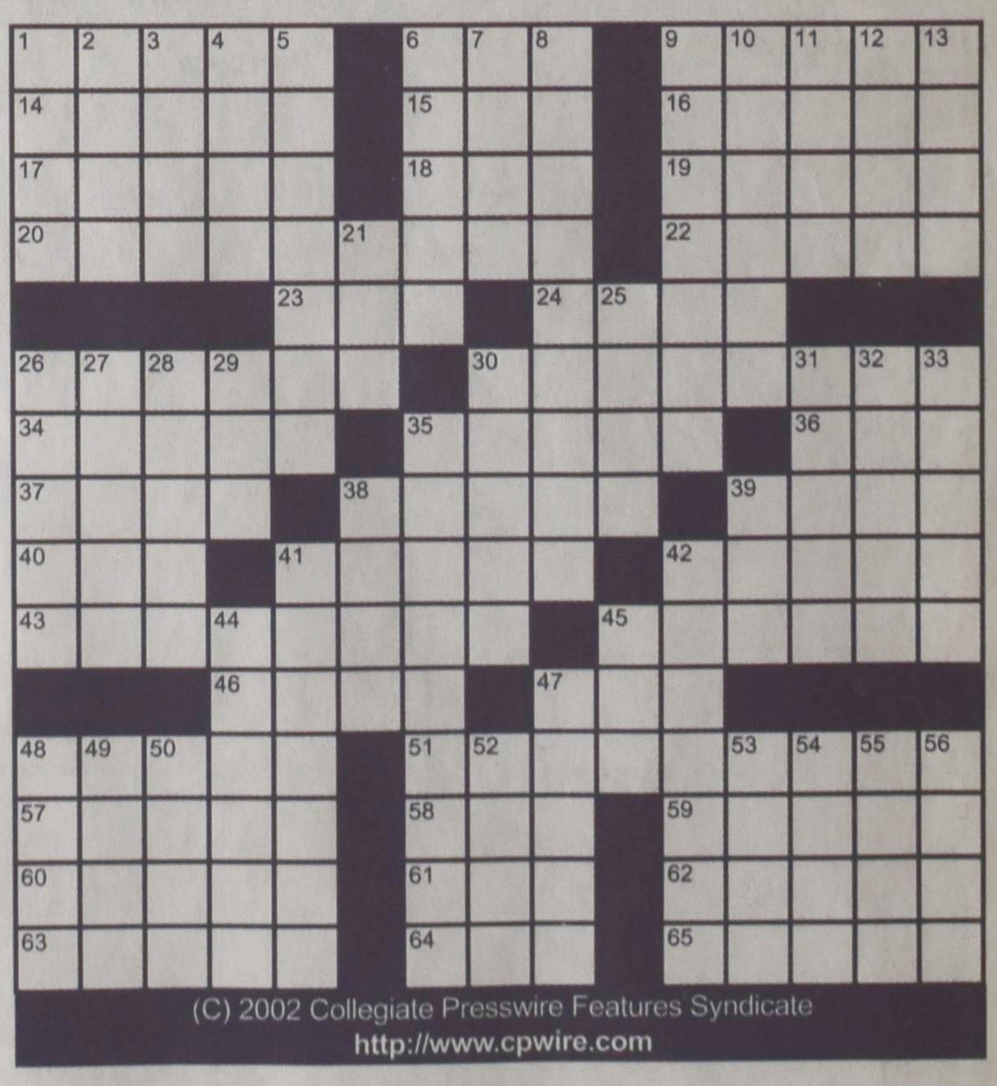

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1. Dresses
6. Girl Scouts of America (Abbrv.)
9. Enraged
14. Of an area
15. Hinged cover
16. Slacken
17. Extra
18. Weird
19. On fire
20. Ground beef
22. Lugs
23. Pull
24. Happily ___ after
26. Mind
30. Collection of psalms
34. Margarines
35. Stylish
36. Edgar Allan
37. Atomic or car
38. Small owl
39. Actress Turner
40. Open (poetic)
41. Get up
42. Irish foot soldiers
43. Cross-pollination
45. Group of six
46. ___ reading
47. ___'s the limit
48. Radius (plural)
51. Winners
57. Bird-like
58. ___ constrictor
59. Railroad station
60. Habits
61. Rule
62. Central NY city
63. "Sweets for the ___"
64. Tree
65. Marked with pocks

DOWN

1. Big cut
2. AR Rifle and Pistol Assoc.
3. Paper quantity
4. Sharp point
5. Detectives
6. Hot, red wine punch
7. ___ of beef
8. Letter receiver
9. In a 9 Across manner
10. Correct
11. Came down
12. Counter balance
13. Former spouses
21. Regret
25. Immense
26. Pigeonhole
27. Incline
28. South of Saudi Arabia
29. Corn on the ___
30. Paralysis
31. Geometric abstract art
32. "Divine Poems" author
33. Bread ingredient
35. Able to swim in
38. Spoken
39. ___ Luther
41. Not for
42. Very excited
44. Narcotic
45. Downhill or water
47. Oboe ancestor
48. Radar Altimeter Warning System (Abbrv.)
49. Confess
50. Navajo people
52. Bad kid's gift
53. Interdiction
54. Narrative poem
55. Stone
56. Delay

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